

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
EASTERN DIVISION**

LESLIE RACHELL REED,

Plaintiff,

v.

ST. LOUIS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION,

Defendant.

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No. 4:23-cv-01039-SPM

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

Plaintiff Leslie Rachell Reed moves for appointment of counsel in this employment discrimination action. After considering the motion and the pleadings, the motion is denied without prejudice to refile at a later time.

There is no constitutional or statutory right to appointed counsel in civil cases. *Nelson v. Redfield Lithograph Printing*, 728 F.2d 1003, 1004 (8th Cir. 1984). In determining whether to appoint counsel, the Court considers several factors, including (1) whether the plaintiff has presented non-frivolous allegations supporting her prayer for relief; (2) whether the plaintiff will substantially benefit from the appointment of counsel; (3) whether there is a need to further investigate and present the facts related to the plaintiff's allegations; and (4) whether the factual and legal issues presented by the action are complex. *See Johnson v. Williams*, 788 F.2d 1319, 1322-23 (8th Cir. 1986); *Nelson*, 728 F.2d at 1005.

It appears that plaintiff has presented non-frivolous allegations in her complaint for employment discrimination. However, she has demonstrated, at this point, that she can adequately present her claims to the Court. Additionally, neither the factual nor the legal issues in this case are complex. Thus, the Court will decline to appoint counsel at this juncture. Nonetheless, the Court will entertain future motions for appointment of counsel as the case progresses.

Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that plaintiff's motion for appointment of counsel [ECF No. 3] is **DENIED** at this time.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shirley Padmore", is written over a horizontal line.

SHIRLEY PADMORE MENSAH
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Dated this 1st day of September 2023.